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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane and Sydney.*

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the departments of health of Queensland and New South Wales and forwarded by Consul-General Bray, at Melbourne:

#### QUEENSLAND.

*Brisbane.*—Week ended November 2. Rodents destroyed, 591; examined, 480; found infected, 0.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

*Sydney.*—Week ended November 2. Rodents destroyed, 2,026; examined, 434; found infected, 0. Date of last infected rodent taken, October 21; on fresh premises, October 9.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever—Outbreak of smallpox.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, November 29:

Week ended November 24. Vessels inspected (with exceptions noted) and issued bills of health for United States and Canal Zone ports:

November 18. German steamship *Corrientes*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change of crew personnel; Norwegian steamship *Auchenarden*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with 1 new member of crew signed on in this port; British steamship *Denaby*, for a southern United States port, in water ballast, with no passengers, and with no change in the personnel of the crew.

November 20. British steamship *Bellenden*, for New Orleans, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel.

November 21. British steamship *Swedish Prince*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with 1 new member of the crew signed on in this port; British steamship *Zamora*, for New York, in cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with no change in the crew personnel.